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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON EDMUNDO PAGUAGA IRIAS

REF: STATE 047765 AND MANAGUA 1362

1. FOLLOWING IS BASIC BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON EDMUNDO PAGUAGA IRIAS, NEW REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OPPOSITION CONSERVATIVE PARTY (PCN) ON THE NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL OF NICARAGUA:

BORN JUNE 15, 1923, IN OCOTAL, NUEVA SEGOVIA, NICARAGUA. MARRIED TO MARTHA ANGELINA SOTOMAYOR AND HAS THREE SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER. RECEIVED LAW DEGREE FROM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AT LEON AND PRACTICED LAW IN MANAGUA AND OCOTAL FOR PAST 20 YEARS. ACTIVE IN PCN FOR MANY YEARS; HOLDING MINOR PARTY OFFICES, SERVING AS DEPUTY IN CONGRESS 1967-1972 AND AS PARTY VICE PRESIDENT SINCE 1968. IN MAY 1972 HE WAS PICKED BY DR. FERNANDO AGUERO ROCHAS, WHOM HE RECENTLY DEPOSED, TO BE HIS ALTERNATE AND PRIVATE SECRETARY ON THE NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL. HAS TRAVELLED IN CENTRAL AMERICAN AND ATTENDED LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENT CONGRESSES IN BOGOTA 1969 AND CARACAS 1971. NO KNOWN FOREIGN LANGUAGE CAPABILITY. CONSIDERED TO BE HONEST, DEDICATED AND HARD WORKING. APPEARS TO BE SOMEWHAT HUMBLE AND UNIMPRESSIVE , THOUGH THIS MAY IN PART RESULT FROM HAVING SPENT SO MANY YEARS IN THE SHADOW OF DR. AGUERO. FRIENDLY AND FORTHCOMING WITH EMBASSY OFFICIERS AND VERY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES.

2. FULL BIOGRAPHIC REPORT AND PHOTO WILL BE AIR POUCHED.

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